



Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter

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The Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter is a publication of the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) providing Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations with current news about human services and community strengthening resources, workshops, events, and community coordinated initiatives that support the mission of Fairfax County Government.

If you have questions about an upcoming event, wish to submit information for possible inclusion, or would like to receive more information regarding an event that has already taken place, please send an e-mail to ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov. If you would like to be removed from the Community Interfaith Liaison E-Newsletter, please send an e-mail with the word “Unsubscribe” in the subject line. Thank you.

For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/default.htm.

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● — Feature Article — ●

How Can Faith Communities Find Out About Public and Community Services?

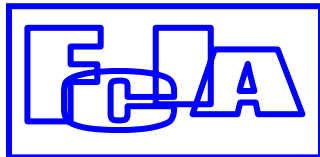
Hundreds of public and private community services exist in the Fairfax County area; however, who provides the services and how they can be accessed can be a mystery. To help solve this puzzle, The Department of Systems Management for Human Services has built the Human Services Resource Guide (HSRG), an on-line database of human service providers and services. Information found in the HSRG is kept current by the Department's Resource Information Management staff - Norma Bartholomew and Keisha Dotson. The HSRG is accessible 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. All that is needed is a computer with internet access to the WEB.

Users can explore the HSRG by type of service needed or organization. Information provided on each service includes:

- Detailed service description
- How to access the service
- Eligibility criteria
- Information needed to help decide if it's an appropriate service
- Service location
- Hours of operation
- Languages on staff
- Income guidelines
- The organization providing the service
- How to contact the organization

You can visit the Human Services Resource Guide (HSRG) on the WEB at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rim>. Users needing instructions on how to use the HSRG need not worry. User instructions can be obtained by calling the Resource Information Management staff and/or by registering for one of several monthly Human Services Resource Guide User Classes. If you have questions about the HSRG or would like to register for a class, email (wwwrim@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call the Resource Information Management staff - Keisha Dotson at (703) 533-5786 or Norma Bartholomew at (703) 533-5787.

● — Faith Communities in Action — ●



Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human services resources throughout Fairfax County.

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, March 10, 2004**
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Government Center Conference Center Rooms 2 & 3

Clergy and Service Provider Perspectives ...
Challenges and Needs Facing Fairfax County's Aging Population
... Service Availability and Service Gaps

Local clergy and public and community service providers will participate in a panel discussion addressing Fairfax County older adults' challenges and needs, service gaps and available community resources. Printed information about local older adult services and contacts will be distributed.

● — Events...Workshops...Conferences — ●

February 7, 2004

Northern Virginia Family Services presents ...

National Marriage Week
February 7 – 14, 2004

To kick off the week, Northern Virginia Family Services will provide a 9:30 a.m. –noon workshop on Saturday, February 7, at the Sterling Community Center to celebrate and enhance couples' relationships. Cost is \$25 a couple. For more information or to register, call 703-219-2116, Ext. 3.

February 9, 2004

Northern Virginia Family Services presents ...

Equipping Teens

Winter registration is now being taken for the next *Equipping Teens* program that begins Monday, Feb. 9, and runs through March 29, 2004, at the offices of Northern Virginia Family Services, 10455 White Granite Drive, Oakton, Virginia. The nationally renowned program teaches teens effective ways to manage life, including ways to improve social and communication skills. The group is open to youth ages 15 – 18 who are enrolled in high school. Call the Northern Virginia Family Services Intake Coordinator for information and to register at 703-219-2815.

February 10, 2004

The Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services presents...

Free Hands-On Training
Learn How to Use the Human Services Resource Guide

Tuesday, February 10, 2004
10 a.m. ~ 11:30 a.m.

Falls Church Human Services Building
6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 507
Falls Church, Virginia 22044

Training is available on how to use the Human Services Resource Guide, a web-based directory of human services available to Fairfax County residents. This training will provide an overview of the Guide, information on how to use the Guide, and ideas on how to make the Guide work for you.. Future training dates include:

Trainings offered at Falls Church Human Services Building ...

- Thursday, February 26 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 3 1:30 – 3 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 9 10 – 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, March 25 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Trainings offered at Pennino Building, 12011 Government Ctr. Pkwy., Suite 240

- Thursday, February 19 1 – 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 18 1 – 2:30 p.m.

To register, please call Resource Information Management Services (RIMS) staff, Norma Bartholomew (703-533-5787) or Keisha Dotson (703-533-5786), or e-mail wwwrim@fairfaxcounty.gov/rim.

[Link ... Human Services Resource Guide Training Flyer](#)

Thursday, February 26, 2004

The Fairfax Partnership for Youth presents ...

After-School Programs Workshop
"Too Old for Childcare – Too Young to be Left Alone!"

February 26, 2004
6:30 – 9 p.m.
Rocky Run Middle School
4400 Stringfellow Road
Chantilly, Virginia

The Fairfax County After-School Network (FCAN), an initiative of the Fairfax Partnership for Youth, is sponsoring regional workshops to involve key stakeholders in developing and implementing high-quality after-school programs in middle schools. This workshop will be at Rocky Run Middle School. If you live in the school community of Lanier, Rocky Run, Stone, Franklin, and Liberty, and are a parent, educator, PTA and/or coalition member, after-school director, business or community leader, or elected official, please join us. To register to attend, please call 703-324-5580 or email Ruth.Toxopeus@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Future workshop:

Wednesday, March 24, 2004, 6:30 – 9 p.m.

Reston Teen Center – the school communities of Carson, Herndon, Hughes, Thoreau, Kilmer, Longfellow, and Cooper.

[Link ... Support After School Programs Information](#)

February 23, 2004

Central Fairfax Forum Presents ...

Annual Food Distributors Meeting
9:30 a.m. – 12 Noon
at Pender United Methodist Church
1241 Alder Woods Drive (off Lee-Jackson Highway)
Fairfax, Virginia

Presenters from the Capital Area Food Bank:

Bryn Smith, Chief Operating Officer
Jandel Benjamin-Wilson, Nutrition Education Specialist
Amanda Pike, Nutrition Education Specialist

After the meeting, participants will drive to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) for a tour of the new WFCM facilities located at 13981 Metro Tech Drive, Chantilly, Virginia (Sully Shopping Center)

RSVP to Paulette Whiteside by telephone at 703-324-5285 or via e-mail to Paulette.Whiteside@fairfaxcounty.gov.

February 26 – 28, 2004

Northern Virginia Family Service presents ...

Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP)

Individuals or couples interested in becoming a Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program workshop facilitator are invited to apply for a free three-day training program. PREP is a research-based approach to teaching couples how to communicate effectively, work as a team to solve problems, manage conflicts without damaging closeness, and preserve and enhance commitment and friendship. Individuals or couples from ethnic, faith, and community-based organizations that are committed to delivering marriage and relationship skills based workshops within their communities are welcome to apply. Before submitting your application, we ask that you spend some time thinking about how you might deliver services to your communities.

The program is three full days from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.. Please do not apply if you cannot attend all three days for the full seven hours each day. The program will be conducted at Virginia Tech, Northern Virginia Center, Falls Church, Virginia. To apply, contact Cyndy Dailey at 703-219-2116 or email her at cdailey@nvfs.org.

March 11, 2004

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna presents ...

Caregivers R & R Day
Thursday, March 11, 2004
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist
2351 Hunter Mill Road
Vienna, VA

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is offering a special day of rest and relaxation for older adult caregivers who give so much to care for their loved ones. Activities will include a time of light exercise, massage, a speaker, and lunch.

Daycare for your care receiver is available upon request, but space is limited. This event is free to caregivers.

To register call the Shepherd's Center at 703-281-0538.

Registration Deadline is March 4, 2004.

March 22, 2004

Central Fairfax Forum presents ...

"Growing Your Money" Training
Monday, March 22, 2004
10 a.m.

12011 Government Center Parkway
Training Room A, 2nd Floor

This is a very important training event for community- and faith-based organizations in dealing with their clients and helping them develop personal financial skills as a first step to taking control of their financial future. We will have a presenter, Charles Bishop, with DSMHS, doing a PowerPoint presentation on a participant's workbook "Growing Your Money," a personal financial tool for clients. We will also have workbooks and instructors' manuals available for attendees.

● — News & Announcements — ●

⌘ Northern Virginia Family Services Respite Care Program

NVFS seeks respite providers for temporary placements ... The NVFS Therapeutic Respite Care (TRC) program is looking for individuals in the Northern Virginia area interested in helping families of children with special needs. Therapeutic Respite Care provides temporary, quality family settings for children from birth to age 18 who have emotional, behavioral, physical, or developmental needs that require short-term placement out of their own homes. A child typically stays in respite care for two days, although respite could be as much as 30 days on occasion. While in respite care, children are given the opportunity to remain in the least restrictive environment – a family setting – while giving their caretakers a break from the demands of parenting a child with special needs. NVFS provides extensive training and supportive case management to families that qualify for the TRC program.

Please call Melissa Laird at 703-219-2132 for more information.

⌘ Volunteer Fairfax ... Call for Nominations for Volunteer Service Awards

Do you know someone who tutors a child or feeds the homeless? Would you like to recognize someone for making a significant contribution to our community? The public is invited to nominate outstanding community service volunteers for the twelfth annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards hosted by Volunteer Fairfax. Businesses, individuals, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, schools, and civic groups have the opportunity to make a nomination by February 20.

To receive a nomination form, contact Renee Hoyt Atkinson at rhatkinson@volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460. For more information about the awards, visit the Volunteer Fairfax website at www.volunteerfairfax.org.

⌘ Volunteers of America Chesapeake's Charity Connection Program ...Turn Vehicles into Dollars

Faith Groups and non-profits who would like to raise funds for their organizations through car donations, but do not have the infrastructure to receive and sell cars, can now partner with the Volunteers of America Charity Connection Vehicle Donation Program. The Charity Connection Vehicle Donation Program responds to car donation inquiries, arranges for vehicle pickups, processes necessary paperwork, and provides the donor with a receipt and necessary tax forms. The vehicle is then sold at a public auction, and 50% of the net proceeds are submitted to the partnering organization, along with a detailed sales report.

For more information or to become a Charity Connection partner, please contact:

Bud Pope
Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter
3525 Moncure Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22041
Telephone: 703-820-7621 X218
voagbudpope@netzero.net

⌘ Parent Connection Support Groups ...

Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) offers Parent Connection Support Groups for parents and families who need a little help with parenting skills, anger management, child development information, conflict management, and other topics. Parent Connection Support Groups are offered in both English and Spanish, with meetings in Alexandria.

For more information on dates and times, please contact Paola Martinez directly at (703) 836-1820 or via e-mail at pmartinez@scanva.org.

[*Link ... Parent Education and Support \(English\)*](#)

[*Link ... Parent Education and Support Flyer \(Spanish\)*](#)

[*Link ... Parenting Classes \(English\)*](#)

[*Link ... Parenting Classes \(Spanish\)*](#)

⌘ Literacy Council of Northern Virginia ...

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia provides instruction to adults who need to develop their basic reading and writing skills. The Council has seven Adult ESL Learning Centers throughout the area. Centers include ESL classes and computer instruction. For more information and class schedules, call 703-575-7900 or visit their website at www.lcnv.org.

● Volunteer Opportunities ●

⌘ Community Interfaith Liaison Office

The Community Interfaith Liaison Office is looking for a few volunteers with good customer relations skills and who like to talk on the phone to make calls to faith communities in our database for the purpose of touching base with them and updating our information. Training will be provided at the Community Interfaith Liaison Office with the possibility of flexibility to work from the Community Interfaith Liaison Office or your own home. If you are interested, please contact our office at 703-324-3453.

[*Link ... Community Interfaith Liaison Office*](#)

● Resource & Grant Opportunities ●

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

The Office of Child Support Enforcement of ACF has announced seven priority areas for the 2004 *Special Improvement Project (SIP) Grants*. ACF is especially interested in applications from collaborations that include community and faith-based organizations. A total of \$1.5 million will be awarded. Award limits differ by priority area. Below is a brief description of each priority area and anticipated award information.

- Priority Area 1: Improving the Judicial/Administrative Processing of Child Support Enforcement Case Activities. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded to develop and implement procedures to address the obstacle of requiring the physical presence of parents at hearings, to utilize federal or state parental locator services, and to increase flexibility for authorities to deviate from State child support orders without hearings.

- Priority Area 2: Educating the Public on Parental Responsibilities and Promoting Healthy Marriage. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded to support projects that educate unwed low-income parents or youth without children on the policies of child support enforcement and parental requirements to financially support children born out of wedlock.
- Priority Area 3: Encouraging More Timely and Appropriate Order Modifications. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded for demonstration projects within a State that would increase efficiency of reviewing or modifying child support orders using automated systems.
- Priority Area 4: Expanding Customer Service Through Agency-Initiated Contact. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded to projects that focus on the caseworker contacting the customer regarding child support matters instead of the customer initiating contact.
- Priority Area 5: Helping Noncustodial Parents Meet Their Child Support and Family Responsibilities. Two grants of \$200,000 each will be awarded to projects that either design and implement effective strategies of addressing noncustodial parents defaulting in their child support payments or design and implement employment programs for low-income fathers at risk of defaulting or in default of their child support payments.
- Priority Area 6: Improving Child Support Services for Ethnic and Culturally Diverse Populations. Two grants of \$100,000 each will be awarded for statewide or multi-regional projects that would increase the child support enforcement among underserved ethnic and culturally diverse populations.
- Priority Area 7: Furthering the Child Support Mission to Ensure All Children Receive Financial and Medical Support From Their Parents. One grant of \$100,000 will be awarded to support a project not covered under any of the above priority areas but that would be an innovative approach to facilitating child support enforcement.

Applications for all of the priority areas under this grant announcement are due March 3, 2004.

Complete details can be found in the Federal Register announcement at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-31375.pdf>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The CDC is accepting applications for the *Efficacy Trials of Parenting Programs for Fathers* cooperative agreement. Under this agreement, the funded project will investigate effective prevention and intervention programs for expectant fathers or fathers of children under the age of five. The program is aimed at strategies to reduce the risk factors of child maltreatment by their father.

One award of \$500,000 will be awarded. Letters of intent are due January 16, 2004, and applications are due February 18, 2004. The complete announcement is at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/17dec20030800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-31083.pdf>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Faith-based organizations which are qualified to provide statewide mental health improvements are invited to apply for two infrastructure grant programs. Organizations applying for *Statewide Consumer Network Grants* must be controlled and managed by mental health consumers, and those applying for the *Statewide Family Network Grants* must be controlled and managed by family members of children with emotional disturbances.

Up to \$70,000 will be awarded to 20-22 projects through the *Statewide Consumer Network Grants* program to support consumer organization systems that increase consumer input into mental health policies and programs.

Up to \$60,000 will be awarded to 43 projects through the *Statewide Family Network Grants* program to support networks that foster family involvement in the mental health system of children and adolescents with mental health problems. If the project involves a youth leadership component, the applicant may apply for an additional \$10,000.

Application deadline is February 25, 2004, for the *Statewide Consumer Network Grant* and February 27, 2004, for the *Statewide Family Network Grant*.

The Federal Register announcements are at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/pdf/03-31159.pdf>

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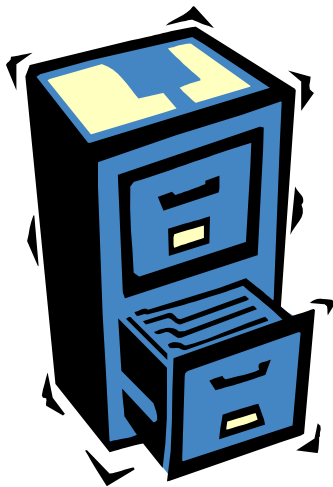
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● Accommodations ●

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call 703-324-3453 or TTY 703-803-7914 to request special accommodations or if you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

● Back Issues ●



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